

KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS
THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP

INFORMATION ABOUT RIGHTS OF MEDICAL RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

California law* requires that a potential participant in a medical research study or investigation be presented with an "experimental subject's bill of rights." The following list of rights and privileges is intended to satisfy the statutory requirement.

Persons who participate in medical research, investigation, or experimentation are entitled to certain rights, which include (but are not necessarily limited to) the right to be:

1. Informed of the nature and purpose of the study, investigation, or experiment.
2. Given an explanation of the procedures to be followed in the medical study, investigation or experiment; and a description of any drug or device to be used.
3. Informed of any related discomforts and risks reasonably to be expected from participation in the study.
4. Told of any benefits to the participant, reasonably to be expected, if any.
5. Advised of any appropriate alternative procedures, drugs, or devices that might be advantageous to the participant, and the relative risks and benefits of these alternatives.
6. Informed of the availability of medical treatment, if any, to the participant, after the experiment, should complications arise.
7. Given an opportunity to ask any questions concerning the study, investigation or experiment, or about the procedures involved.
8. Instructed that consent to participate may be withdrawn at any time and that the participation in the medical study, investigation or experiment may be discontinued without prejudice.
9. Given a copy of the written consent to participation as a research participant, as signed and dated.
10. Allowed to decide to consent or not to consent to participate in a medical study, investigation or experiment, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion, or undue influence upon the participant's decision.

*Health and Safety Code Sections 24170-24178